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The Advisory Commission to the
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My dear [redacted]

I desire to make further reference to your recent requests for investigation of members of the Staff and Personnel of The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense.

There are attached hereto twelve reports reflecting the results of investigation in these cases. As these investigations progress additional reports will be forwarded to you.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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THE ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

Federal Reserve Building

Washington, D. C.

October 29, 1940

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It would be appreciated if you would institute an investigation of the following list of per annum employees of the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense:

[redacted]

Galbraith, J. K. [redacted] b6 b7C

You will find the papers relating to the above listed employees in personnel files located in Room 226, Potomac Park Apartments, 21st and C Sts., N. W. If any further information is desired please contact [redacted] Room 203, Potomac Park Apartments, [redacted]

Very truly yours,

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/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

Re: JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH;
Special Inquiry - The Advisory
Commission to the Council of
National Defense.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 26, 1940, at Washington, D. C.

Your attention is directed to the period stated as that during which the investigation was conducted, this being July 12, 1940. It is obvious that this is in error since the Bureau letter to your Division requesting this investigation was dated November 5, 1940.

You are advised this date is being changed to November 12, 1940, and in the event this is incorrect you should advise the Bureau at the earliest possible moment. Copies of your own report should, of course, be changed accordingly.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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This Case Originated At: Washington, D. C. File No. 77-2683

Report Made At	Date When Made	Period For Which Made	Report Made By
Washington, D.C.	11/26/40	11/12/40	[redacted] RFC:JG b6 b7C

Title	Character of Case
JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH	Special Inquiry-Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense

Synopsis of Facts:

The files of the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, Washington, D. C. reveal that JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH was born October 15, 1908 at Iona Station, Ontario, Canada; that he is a U. S. citizen. He obtained his education in Ontario, Canada, in California and in England obtaining his Ph.D. Degree in 1934. He has been employed in research and teaching since July 1931 in the United States and England. Effective July 20, 1940 he was appointed Head Economic Adviser, Office of the Adviser on Agriculture, Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense at a salary of $6,500 raised to $7,500 per annum. His Washington address is Hay-Adams House, Washington.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated November 5, 1940.

Approved and Forwarded: Special Agent in Charge

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EDAM ONE

DETAILS: Mr. GALBRAITH'S name was listed among numerous others in a letter from [redacted] Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense dated October 29, 1940 in which [redacted] requests an investigation of these employees. The Bureau has instructed that these investigations receive prompt and expeditious attention and that they be conducted along the lines of departmental applicant investigations, noting particularly the citizenship, possible radical tendencies and foreign affiliations, and that the investigation particularly establish the extent of the employee's loyalty, patriotism and integrity.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

[redacted] Personnel Office, Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense furnished the file on JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH.

This file reflects that JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH was born on October 15, 1908 at Iona Station, Ontario, Canada; further, that he is presently a citizen of the United States. His date of becoming a citizen is not set out; that he attended grammar school from September 1915 through June 1920, in Iona Station, Ontario, Canada and attended Dutton High School, St. Thomas Collegiate Institute, Ontario, Canada from September 1920 through June 1926; from 1926-1931 at the University of Toronto, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Canada receiving a B.S.A. Degree in 1931 majoring in Agriculture and Agricultural Economics. From 1931 through 1934 he attended the University of California, Berkeley, California obtaining an M.S. and Ph.D. degree in Economics; from 1937 through 1938 he attended the University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England for further studies in Economics.

GALBRAITH lists the following employment record:

From July 1931 through June 1934 - University of California, Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics as a part-time research assistant and teaching assistant at a salary of $720 to $1500 per annum.

From September 1934 through September 1937 Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; $2400 to $3,000 per annum as Instructor and Tutor in Economics.

September 1937 through September 1938 - Fellow of the Social Science Research Council at Cambridge University, England on a scholarship of $2400 and expenses.

September 1938 to September 1939 - At Harvard University and Radcliffe College and National Resources Commission, U. S. Government, Cambridge, Mass. as Instructor and Tutor in charge of Public Works for the study of NRC

September 1939 through May 1940 at Princeton University, National Resources Commission, Princeton, N. J.; $5,000 to $6,000 as Assistant Professor in Economics in charge of Public Works Study.

May 1940 until July 20, 1940 - American Farm Bureau Federation, Chicago, Illinois; $7,500 per annum - Chief Economist

It is to be noted that no references are listed in this file as set out by Mr. GALBRAITH and choosing these references will be left to the discretion of the Agent conducting the investigation.

On July 20, 1940 Mr. GALBRAITH was appointed Consultant Economist in the Office of the Adviser on Agriculture by the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, Washington, D. C. at $6,500 per annum.

On August 5, 1940 he was administered the oath of office at which time he stated under oath that he is not a member of the communist party or German Bund, or any other communist, nazi or fascist organization which advocates the overthrow of our Constitutional form of Government in the United States.

On July 21, 1940 his salary was increased to $7,000 per annum and effective August 16, 1940 his salary was increased to $7,500 per annum.

On October 1, 1940 the status of Mr. GALBRAITH was changed to that of Head Economic Adviser in the Office of the Adviser on Agriculture, Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, Washington, D. C.

The Washington address of Mr. GALBRAITH is listed as Hay Adams House, Washington, D. C.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

At the Dutton High School, St. Thomas Collegiate Institute, Ontario, Canada, will verify the attendance of GALBRAITH from Sept. 1920 to June 1926.

Will conduct neighborhood investigation and make appropriate credit and police inquiries.

THE BUFFALO FIELD DIVISION

WILL, at GUELPH, Ontario, Canada at the Ontario Agricultural College, a division of the University of Toronto, verify the attendance of GALBRAITH there from 1926-1931. ok

Appropriate neighborhood, credit and police inquiries should be made. ok

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, at the University of California will verify the attendance of GALBRAITH at that institution from 1931 through 1934. ok

Appropriate neighborhood investigation should be made with particular emphasis placed in determining the patriotism and loyalty of GALBRAITH to the United States and also his general integrity. ok

Appropriate credit and criminal inquiries should be made. ok

Will, at the University of California verify the employment record of GALBRAITH from July 1931 through June 1934 as part-time research and teaching assistant under the sponsorship of the University of California, Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics.

OK

THE BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS. at Harvard University will verify the employment of Galbraith there as instructor and tutor in Economics from September 1934 to September 1937.

OK

Appropriate neighborhood, credit and police inquiries should be made with stress placed upon determining the patriotism and loyalty of Mr. GALBRAITH to the United States.

OK

Will verify his employment at Harvard University and Radcliffe College from 1938 through 1939, and his relation to the National Resources Commission, U. S. Government.

OK

Will, if possible, determine information concerning GALBRAITH'S study in Cambridge, England at the University of Cambridge from September 1937 to September 1938. This may possibly be in the files of Harvard University.

OK

THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

AT PRINCETON, N. J. will verify the employment of GALBRAITH from September 1939 through May 1940 as Assistant Professor of Economics in charge of Public Works Study, NRC at Princeton University.

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS at the office of the American Farm ~~Bureau~~ Federation will verify the employment of Galbraith there as Chief Economist from May 1940 until July 20, 1940.

OK

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. will make inquiry at the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization to verify the citizenship of Mr. GALBRAITH. It is to be noted he gave no date as to when his citizenship became effective. ok

At the Hay Adams House, will conduct neighborhood investigation and will make appropriate credit and police inquiries. ok

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December 12, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

Re: JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH;
Special Inquiry - The Advisory
Commission to the Council of
National Defense.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 26, 1940, at Washington, D. C.

Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 22, 1940, at Boston, Massachusetts, in the case entitled [redacted] Espionage." It is noted there is information contained therein relative to one J. K. Galbraith, who is indicated as an employee of the Department of Interior, Washington, D. C. The pertinent information contained therein is being set forth for your attention.

This report reflects that a letter was received from Inspector in Charge [redacted] of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Boston, Massachusetts, under date of August 28, 1939, enclosing a copy of a report of Immigration Inspector [redacted] which reads as follows:

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[redacted] friend, J. K. Galbraith, Dept. of Interior, Washington, D. C.

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It is desired that appropriate investigation be conducted by your Office to determine whether the aforementioned individual might possibly be identical with the subject of instant investigation. It is suggested that an appropriate check be made at the Department of Interior to ascertain whether there is a record with that Department of the employment of J. K. Galbraith as reflected in the above-quoted letter, and the investigation should thereafter proceed with the idea in mind of determining whether that individual and John Kenneth Galbraith, the subject of instant investigation might be identical. In the event these individuals are found to be identical, appropriate leads should be set forth to develop fully the nature and extent of Galbraith's association with [redacted] and information should be developed through the appropriate sources as to whether [redacted] was in truth [redacted] as mentioned above.

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The information set forth in this letter as submitted by Immigration Inspector [redacted] should, of course, be set forth in your report submitted in this matter; that is, of course, if these individuals are identical.

It is desired that this investigation be afforded expeditious attention and that same be completed at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH.	SPECIAL INQUIRY - Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Applicant employed by American Farm Bureau Federation from May to July 20, 1940. Work was satisfactory and applicant terminated employment to take position with Government.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent [redacted] Washington, D. C., Dated November 26, 1940.

Details: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

In response to a letter from this office, a letter was received from the American Farm Bureau Federation, 58 East Washington Street, Chicago, over the signature of [redacted] in which he advised that the applicant was employed by that organization from May to July 20, 1940, and has been carried as a staff member of the organization until December 18, 1940. During his employment with the above named organization, applicant served as an adviser to [redacted] representative on the Defense Commission. Applicant came to the American Farm Bureau Federation from Princeton University with the highest recommendation. His salary was $7500.00 a year and he was Chief Economist. His work was satisfactory, and [redacted] assumes that the Government work that applicant has been engaged in has greater appeal than the work with the American Farm Bureau Federation.

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BY OFFICIAL MESSENGER

[redacted]
The Advisory Commission to the
Council of National Defense
Federal Reserve Building
Washington, D. C.

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My dear [redacted]

I desire to make further reference to your recent requests for investigation of members of the staff and personnel of the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense.

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With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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San Francisco, Calif.	12-29-40	12-2,3,5-40	[redacted] MJS b6 b7C

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH	Special Inquiry - Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: GALBRAITH enrolled at University of California in 1931-1932 and 1932-1933. Received an "A" average in graduate courses in agricultural economics. Awarded Master of Science degree August 22, 1932 and Ph. D. degree May 17, 1934. Employed as research assistant Giannini Foundation 1931-1934; also employed as teaching assistant in 1933-1934 at Davis, California. Considered conceited but brilliant at research, satisfactory instructor, excellent writer, poor public speaker, and good conversationalist by former colleagues. Neighborhood investigation conducted with negative results. No criminal or credit record.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent [redacted] Washington, D. C., dated November 26, 1940.

Details: AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Education

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[redacted] University of California, made available the records on applicant while a student at the University. These records reveal that GALBRAITH entered the University in August, 1931, as a graduate student on basis of Bachelor of Science degree from University of Toronto; that he was enrolled at the University during the regular session in 1931-1932 and 1932-1933; that he majored in Agricultural Economics and had an "A" average; that he received a Master of Science degree on August 22, 1932 and Ph. D. degree on May 17, 1934; that he was born at Iona Sta-

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tion, Ontario, Canada, October 15, 1908; that he resided during 1931-1932 at 1511 Walnut Street, Berkeley and at 2600 Hilgarde Avenue, Berkeley, in 1932-1933.

Employment

[redacted] University of California, made available the records on applicant as a member of faculty of university. These records revealed that GALBRAITH was employed as a research assistant by Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics from July 1, 1931 through June 30, 1934; that from July 1, 1933 through June 30, 1934 applicant was also a teaching assistant in agricultural economics of college of agriculture, University of California, at Davis, California; that applicant received following salaries: 1931-1932 - $720 per year; 1932-1933 - $840 per year; 1933-1934 - $1500 per year; that he was offered $2136 for the 1934-1935 school year but refused the appointment.

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[redacted] College of Agriculture, Giannini Hall, University of California, made available the records of the college of agriculture. These records furnished the same information as was obtained from [redacted] at President's office.

[redacted] College of Agriculture, University of California, advised that he had asked to have GALBRAITH appointed as a research assistant because he had had another student from Canada that had been outstanding, and he was impressed with applicant's undergraduate record; that during the time GALBRAITH was at the University he had got very well acquainted with him; that he had played squash with him every day for over a year; that he had found applicant to have a very good personality and to have a keen sense of sportsmanship; that applicant was a brilliant man on research but only fair as a teacher because he talked over the heads of the students, and enjoyed using words the students could not understand; that he was not a good public speaker because he had a tendency to say "ahhhhh" and "and-a" rather frequently; that he was a very clever writer -- "exceptional" and "outstanding", that he had worked with [redacted] in preparing a pamphlet entitled "Honey Marketing in California"; that he had worked with the same men in a study of "Economic Aspects of Bee Industry"; that his Ph. D. thesis was an exceptional piece of work and had been published by the University; that for the most part he was popular with other members of the faculty although several of them thought GALBRAITH was impressed with his own knowledge and importance.

[redacted] considered applicant a "man without a price" and absolutely trustworthy, a loyal American, and with ability to handle confidential matters discreetly. [redacted] advised that he had visited applicant's home in Ontario, Canada in 1933 and at that time had met applicant's father whom he described as a very "substantial settler, a loyal Canadian and extremely friendly to the United States." [redacted] did not know whether or not applicant has become a citizen of the United States.

[redacted] University of California, advised that he remembered GALBRAITH well; that he was a very brilliant man; that his one failing was that he wanted to impress others of his ability; that as a research assistant he was very capable and had done a satisfactory job of instructing in elementary economics at the experimental station at Davis, California; that as a public speaker he was very uninteresting because he took for granted many fundamentals that were not generally known to the audience; that in private conversation he had ability to argue cogently and was an interesting conversationalist. [redacted] stated that applicant was absolutely trustworthy and reactionary rather than liberal and not the type of individual that would be associated with any group engaged in un-American activities. b6 b7C

[redacted] University of California, stated that GALBRAITH was "very capable, a hard worker, and had impressed the faculty as being a very high caliber man"; that he was a "wee bit" conceited but it was not obnoxious and that he was very popular with students and faculty; that as an instructor he had ability; that at the time he taught for the University he was getting his first experience as an instructor and had not at that time fully developed ability to explain matters simply; that he was a very capable research man who particularly enjoyed that kind of work. [redacted] advised that GALBRAITH is entirely trustworthy, could handle confidential matters discreetly and that he was not the type who would engage in un-American activities.

[redacted] University of California, advised that GALBRAITH had written his thesis under him - "Analysis of County Government Expenditures"; that he had done an unusually fine job of it; that his thesis had been published by the University which is not frequently done. [redacted] stated that applicant was a very pleasant person to work with, but that he was aware of his ability; that he had been a stimulating instructor but was too deep a thinker for undergraduates and would do a much better piece of work with graduate students; that he had been well liked by members of the faculty and the student body. [redacted] related that applicant is absolutely trustworthy, has ability to handle confidential matters and to his knowledge has never engaged in any un-American activities.

Neighborhood

[redacted] 1511 Walnut Street, advised that she had lived at her present address for only a year; that none of the tenants had resided there in 1931-1932; that [redacted] is the only person who might possibly remember GALBRAITH. As it is not certain that [redacted] would remember GALBRAITH no undeveloped lead is being set out. As a church and three apartment houses are in the immediate neighborhood no further investigation was conducted.

[redacted] advised that she had lived at [redacted] in 1932-1933 but stated she did not remember applicant. She related that [redacted] owned the premises in 1932-1933, that she did have roomers and added that she was "very particular" about them. As it is not certain that [redacted] would remember GALBRAITH no undeveloped lead is being set out. Further investigation in the neighborhood produced negative results.

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It was ascertained by the writer from the student directory of University of California that during the school year 1933-1934 GALBRAITH resided at South Hall, Davis, California.

Criminal Record

After a search of the records of the Berkeley Police Department, [redacted] Identification Division, advised that GALBRAITH was unknown to their files.

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Credit Rating

[redacted] Retailers Credit Association of Alameda County, 414 Thirteenth Street, after a search of the records advised that applicant was unknown to their files.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT DAVIS, CALIFORNIA

Will conduct necessary neighborhood investigation at South Hall, where GALBRAITH lived in 1933-1934.

Appropriate credit and criminal inquiries should be made.

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January 4, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Buffalo, New York

RE: JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH
Special Inquiry - The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires that it be advised as to the exact status of this case at the present time.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JSA:MH
62-60515 January 4, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Boston, Massachusetts

RE: JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH
Special Inquiry - The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense.

Dear Sir:

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JSA:MH
62-60515 January 4, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Newark, New Jersey

RE: JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH
Special Inquiry - The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires that it be advised as to the exact status of this case at the present time.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Special Agent in Charge
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RE: JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH
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January 7, 1941

Director
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Washington, D. C.

Re: JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH;
Special Inquiry - The Advisory
Commission to the Council of
National Defense.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Bureau dated January 4, 1941 (62-60515), regarding the status of the above-entitled matter.

Please be advised that the [redacted] had been requested to conduct appropriate investigation in this matter and it is expected that the results of the investigation will be furnished to this office within the next few days. b7D

Very truly yours,

H. T. O'Connor bmh

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Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH	SPECIAL INQUIRY - Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: GALBRAITH was instructor and tutor of Economics at Harvard College from September, 1934 to June, 1937; granted leave of absence scholastic year 1937-1938 and reportedly engaged in study as Fellow of Social Science Research Council at Cambridge University, England. Returned to Harvard Scholastic year 1938-1939 and taught Agricultural Economics; also lectured at Radcliffe College that same year and affiliated with National Resources Commission, U. S. Government, scholastic year 1938-1939 as research scientist. Well thought of at Harvard. Neighborhood investigation reveals he is egotistical and snobbish but same reflects no radical sympathies or subversive tendencies. No police record, Mass., or credit rating, Boston. Reportedly presently recovering from nervous breakdown in Cuba. One [redacted] gave GALBRAITH as party in United States he would visit [redacted] Case against [redacted] closed for lack of any subversive motive for visit.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] Washington, D. C., dated 11-26-40. b6 b7C

DETAILS: EMPLOYMENT

At Harvard University School of Economics, Littauer Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts, [redacted] of the Department of Economics, produced a file relevant to the activities of GALBRAITH while a tutor and instructor in Economics at that school. The file contained a letter written by

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one [redacted] Harvard University to [redacted] Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., under date of November 17, 1938 which stated:

> "GALBRAITH is an able young man, aged approximately 22 who migh be induced to leave Harvard. His main interests are Theory, Price Analysis, and Agriculture."

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In addition there was a letter from [redacted] Department of Economics to the Harvard Administrative Board under date of December 23, 1935 which advised that he had come to regard GALBRAITH as a man of strictly first rate ability and unusual promise; that he was highly regarded in the Department.

A summarized list of GALBRAITH's education, teaching experience at Harvard, and articles he had had published, as set out in the file, is as follows:

B.S.A. University of Toronto, 1931
M.S. University of California, 1932
Ph.D. University of California, 1934

Married

1930-31 Department of Agricultural Economics, Ontario Agricultural College. Land tenure study.
1931-33 Research Assistant, Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics, University of California.
1933-34 Teaching assistant in Agricultural Economics, Collefe of Agriculture, University of California. Research assistant in the Giannini Foundation.
1934-35 Annual Instructor in Economics, Harvard.
1935-36 Annual Instructor in Economics and Tutor in the Division of History, Government and Economics, Harvard.
1936-37 Faculty Instructor in Economics and Tutor in the Division of History, Government and Economics, for three years, Harvard.

Sept., 1937-38 Leave of absence, without salary.
Sept., 1938-June, 1939 Instructor and Tutor, Harvard University and Radcliffe College.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Bibliography

"The Concept of Marginal Land," (with G. M. Peterson), Journal of Farm Economics, April, 1932.

Honey Marketing in California (with E. C. Voorhies and F. E. Todd), Research monograph of Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics. Published by California Agricultural Experiment Station, July, 1933.

Economic Aspects of the Bee Industry (with E. C. Voorhies and F. E. Todd), Research monograph of the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics. Published by California Agricultural Experiment Station, September, 1933.

"Some Aspects of the Overseas Markets for Canadian Honey," Scientific Agriculture (Ottawa, Canada), December, 1933.

"Branch Banking and its Bearing on Agricultural Credit," Journal of Farm Economics, April, 1934.

California County Expenditures. Research Monograph of the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics. Published by California Agricultural Experiment Station, August, 1934. This is a re-draft of several chapters of a Ph.D. thesis submitted under the same title.

National Resources Board, Part II. Several sections including, in particular, Sections III, VIII, "A program for permanently tax-delinquent and tax-reverted land" with K. H. Parsons.

"The Quantitative Position of Marketing in the United States" (with J. D. Black), Quarterly Journal of Economics, May, 1935.

"Monopoly Power and Price Rigidities," Quarterly Journal of Economics, May, 1936.

"The Production Credit System of 1933," (with J. D. Black), American Economic Review, June, 1936.

"The Federal Land Banks and Agricultural Stability," Journal of Farm Economics, February, 1937.

"Farm Mortgage Loan Repayment" (with R. M. Macy and W. Malenbaum), Journal of Farm Economics, August, 1937.

"The Farmers Banking System: Four Years of F.C.A. Operations," Harvard Business Review, Spring, 1937.

"The Maintenance of Agricultural Production during Depression," (with J. D. Black), Journal of Political Economy, June, 1938.

"Rational and Irrational Consumer Preference," Economic Journal, June, 1938.

Modern Competition and Business Policy (with Henry S. Dennison), Oxford University Press, 1938.

Relative to GALBRAITH's study at Cambridge University, the only pertinent material found in the file was contained in a letter from GALBRAITH to [redacted] Harvard University, under date of April 18, 1938. This letter stated that GALBRAITH had been voted the privileges of Cambridge University lectures and facilities by the Cambridge faculty of Economics and Politics; that his general plan was to combine a fairly intensive reading campaign with certain of the more advanced lectures and discussion groups; that he had been added to the United States Delegation to the assembly of the International Institute of Agriculture; further, that he had spent most of the previous summer at the Institute of Kiel, Germany. b6 b7C

[redacted] Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass., stated that that school did not have any record of GALBRAITH having been a teacher at that school; that she recalled, however, that GALBRAITH had been appointed to the aforementioned position by [redacted] Department of Economics, Harvard University. The activities of GALBRAITH while a teacher at Radcliffe College are therefore subsequently set out in the results of a later interview with [redacted]

AT CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

[redacted] Littauer Center Building, Harvard University, advised that he had been very closely associated with GALBRAITH during the period that the latter had been a teacher and tutor at Harvard. It was [redacted] statement that GALBRAITH was an excellent scholar, scientist, and research man; in fact, among the top men in the field of agricultural economics.

[redacted] informed that GALBRAITH had been associated with Harvard for about three years as tutor and instructor but in 1938 had instituted an independend course at Harvard in Agricultural Economics; further, that he had taught an Economics course from 1938 to 1939 at Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass. He advised that GALBRAITH was an excellent teacher; that he gave a commanding appearance due to his height of 6' 6" and his dignified bearing.

It was [redacted] emphatic statement that GALBRAITH was absolutely loyal and patriotic. He said that though the subject leaned as far to the left as President ROOSEVELT, he was completely in sympathy with a democratic form of government; that he had never heard him make any statements in any of his many conversations with him that would lead him to believe that he was in sympathy with any of the dictator countries.

Relative to GALBRAITH's studies at Cambridge University in England, [redacted] advised that he did not know much about it, except that he did hear of his studies at that school and corresponded with him during the period that GALBRAITH was abroad.

In connection with GALBRAITH's employment with the National Resources Planning Commission, [redacted] advised that the former had been employed with that organization as a research scientist while attending to his teaching duties at Harvard from 1938 to 1939; that GALBRAITH had requested permission to spend part of his time in Washington, D. C. in order to handle his duties with that organization, but that it was felt that the same would interfere with his teaching duties at Harvard. He stated that the results of GALBRAITH's research with the National Resources Planning Commission have recently been published in an article by GALBRAITH. b6 b7C

NEIGHBORHOOD

It will be noted that GALBRAITH's address while engaged as a teacher at Harvard from 1938 to 1939 was at 31 Concord Avenue, Cambridge, Mass.

AT CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

[redacted] United States mail carrier, advised that he had been delivering mail to 31 Concord Avenue at the time that GALBRAITH had been residing there. According to [redacted], he did not recall ever having spoken to GALBRAITH, but that he had met [redacted] He related that he had never heard any adverse comment about him from the other occupants of the apartment which is located at 31 Concord Avenue.

[redacted] at 31 Concord Avenue, indicated that GALBRAITH had sub-leased the apartment located on the third floor of that address, and that he had engaged in many conversations with him. He advised that GALBRAITH was one hundred per cent American; that he had never heard him make a disloyal statement; that he would strike him as the last one who would be a foreign sympathizer. It was his belief that his moral habits were the best.

[redacted] referred to several incidents where he stated that GALBRAITH had appeared odd. An exemplary one was where he had been unable to open his storeroom locker and GALBRAITH had shown an unusual display of temper. He added that a [redacted] who lived adjacent to GALBRAITH's apartment during the period that he stayed there had spoken of him as a snob and a prig.

[redacted] 31 Concord Avenue, related that [redacted] had met GALBRAITH while he was the recipient of a fellowship at Cambridge University, England; that he, GALBRAITH, had at that time been associated with the Social Science Research Council. She informed that by coincidence [redacted] had taken an apartment adjacent to that of GALBRAITH [redacted] in the fall of 1938. She stated that at no time did she ever have the slightest question of his loyalty and patriotism, but added that she based her opinion along this line on general impressions rather than on any specific conversations about politics.

At a later date the writer interviewed [redacted] 31 Concord Avenue, who advised that he had met GALBRAITH while the latter was the holder of a fellowship at Cambridge University, England; that he had last seen him in Washington, D. C. in September, 1940. He related that at that time GALBRAITH had told him that he was deeply concerned with his work in the interests of National Defense; that he liked the work extremely well. b6 b7C

[redacted] informed that his contacts with GALBRAITH had never passed from the casual state and that consequently his observations of him should be weighed with this fact in mind; that he had never had any intimation that GALBRAITH was radically inclined or possessed any sympathy for the dictator governments. He concluded by stating that he felt reasonably sure that he was a loyal and patriotic citizen.

In connection with GALBRAITH's residence at Winthrop House, Harvard University, the following investigation was conducted.

[redacted] Winthrop House stated that GALBRAITH had resided at that address for about two or three years; that he had impressed him as a level headed fellow. He informed that he was temperate in his habits, and, as far as he knew, a loyal American.

[redacted] of Winthrop House, indicated that he had every confidence in GALBRAITH's integrity; that he drew this conclusion from three to four years of contact with him. He added that there was no question of his ability, honor, and trustworthiness.

[redacted] related that he had but one reservation to make, namely, that GALBRAITH was too self-seeking. He explained that he referred to his love of money and social prestige. It was his statement that GALBRAITH wanted more rapid advancement at Harvard than is customary; that upon his failure to achieve the same he had left that school. According to [redacted] he did notthink this characteristic would ever lead GALBRAITH to betray his obligations to government and country.

It was [redacted] belief, based on many discussions of politics with GALBRAITH, that he was not possessed of any radical or subversive tendencies; that he had never had any question of his loyalty to the United States.

[redacted] indicated that GALBRAITH was somewhat of an egotist; that this trait might lead him to stubbornly follow a course detrimental to the country's interests without conscientiously intending to do any harm; that his egotism might obscure reason.

He concluded his remarks by stating that he had received information, through hearsay channels, that GALBRAITH was suffering from a nervous breakdown; that he was presently in Cuba and had given up his position in Washington, D..C. b6 b7C

The files at the Boston Field Office reflect that GALBRAITH's name was mentioned in connection with report of Special Agent [redacted] (See Bureau file [redacted] for same case.) This report set out the information that [redacted] arrived in Boston aboard the steamship Lady Drake on August 28, 1939; [redacted] that he was admitted to the United States to study business conditions in the United States. His destination was given as J. K. GALBRAITH, Department of Interior, Washington, D. C. [redacted] was reported to have been the subject of an investigation by British Intelligence Service in Domenica. It will be noted that his case was closed because of the lack of any specific allegations or indications of any expionage activities on the part of the subject.

CREDIT AND POLICE RECORD

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

At the Massachusetts State Board of Probation, [redacted] advised that GALBRAITH did not have a police record.

At the Merchants Credit Bureau, 52 Chauncy Street, [redacted] produced a record of GALBRAITH which was

dated 10-17-38 and reported that he had a good record at Harvard and was expected to continue; that [redacted] was not employed; that he did not have any local bank accounts. His personal reputation was listed as good. It was further noted that he paid his rent in advance and had resided at 31 Concord Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Winthrop House, Harvard University. The report did not give him a credit rating and added that he was too new for experience.

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My dear [redacted]

I desire to make further reference to your recent requests for investigation of members of the Staff and Personnel of The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense.

There are attached hereto thirteen reports reflecting the results of investigation in these cases. As these investigations progress additional reports will be forwarded to you.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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TITLE

JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH

CHARACTER OF CASE

Special Inquiry - Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Immigration and Naturalization records reveal GALBRAITH naturalized September 13, 1937, Court #1500, Section 4327208. Neighborhood investigation satisfactory. Credit rating good. No police record in Washington, D. C.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Washington, D. C. November 26, 1940. Bureau letter dated December 12, 1940.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

This was a joint investigation conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]

Through [redacted], Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, it was ascertained that JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH was issued a certificate of citizenship #4327208 through Court #1500 on September 13, 1937. [redacted] was unable to state the city or court issuing this certificate.

[redacted] Marlyn Apartments, 3000-39th Street, N. W., where GALBRAITH now occupies Apartment 201, stated she had only known GALBRAITH since he moved into

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the building about three months ago. She said he appeared to be a well-educated, high-type man and paid his rent promptly. So far as she knew the GALBRAITHS did not have an unusual amount of company and did not have parties in their apartment. [redacted] said she had talked with GALBRAITH at various times and she was of the opinion that he was a loyal American. The only person in the building whom [redacted] knew GALBRAITH to associate with was [redacted] who she said was employed by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

[redacted] was contacted at his office in room 906-B, Securities and Exchange Commission Building, at 18th and Pennsylvania Avenue, where he is employed as [redacted] said he first met GALBRAITH when the latter began working for the National Defense Council about August 1, 1940. He said GALBRAITH had knowledge of the oil industry and they worked together on an oil case. It was [redacted] opinion that GALBRAITH was a conservative thinker and talker who was not at all radical in his conversation. He further stated that GALBRAITH was well-known and highly regarded in the field of economics, and that GALBRAITH had collaborated with a [redacted] of the paper manufacturing family in writing a book on economics. b6 b7C

So far as [redacted] knew, the GALBRAITHS did not go out a great deal and appeared to have only the usual amount of company. He said the family consisted of GALBRAITH [redacted] He knew of no organization to which he belonged, nor of any relatives in foreign countries.

[redacted] Hay Adams House, 800-16th Street, N. W., said he was acquainted with GALBRAITH who had been a guest in the hotel from time to time during the past year. It is his understanding that GALBRAITH had been a professor and seemed to associate only with well-educated and refined people. He said he had never seen GALBRAITH in the bar and so far as he knew did not drink. It was his opinion that the GALBRAITHS had no children. [redacted] stated that he was a pleasant man to talk to and appeared to be a good American citizen and free from radical tendencies. At the time of this conversation [redacted]

stated that GALBRAITH was registered at the hotel.

It is noted in referenced Bureau letter that the name JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH appeared in the report relating to an espionage investigation. This individual had been mentioned by the subject of the investigation as being an acquaintance of his and employed in the Department of Interior. The Bureau requested that it be ascertained if JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH is identical to the JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH who is the subject of this investigation.

At the Department of Interior, 19th and C Streets, N. W. Room 6244, [redacted] stated from an examination of her files that she found no record of an individual bearing that or any similar name ever having been employed by the Department of Interior.

In view of the fact that no further information concerning the identity of JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH is available to this office, no additional attempts are being made to see if he is identical with JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH.

[redacted] Metropolitan Police Department, after searching his records stated there is no police record for GALBRAITH in Washington, D. C.

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[redacted] Stones Mercantile Agency, 1419 H Street, N. W. presented the following credit information:

Former professor at Princeton University on leave. Present address is Apartment 201 Marlyn Apartments, 3000-39th Street, N. W. Credit satisfactory.

[redacted] Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., after searching the files stated that they had no credit report for GALBRAITH.

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stated that GALBRAITH was registered at the hotel.

Information appearing in reference Bureau letter reflects that the Boston, Massachusetts, Field Division under date of August 28, 1939, was in receipt of a letter from Inspector in Charge [redacted] of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Boston, Massachusetts, enclosing a copy of a report by Immigration Inspector [redacted] which reads as follows:

[redacted]

[redacted] friend, J. K. Galbraith, Dept. of Interior, Washington, D. C.

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In order to determine whether JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH, the individual under investigation, might possibly be identical with J. K. Galbraith mentioned above, contact was made with [redacted] Room 6244, Department of the Interior, 19th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C., who is [redacted] stated from an examination of her files that she found no record of an individual bearing that or any similar name ever having been employed by the Department of the Interior.

In view of the fact there was no further information available concerning the identity of J. K. GALBRAITH, who is mentioned in the above quoted letter, no additional attempts are being made to ascertain if he is identical with John Kenneth GALBRAITH. It will also be noted the information furnished in the above quoted letter is rather indefinite and does not indicate that [redacted] is actually engaged in any espionage activities. b6 b7C

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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My dear [redacted]

I desire to make further reference to your recent requests for investigation of members of the Staff and Personnel of The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense.

There are attached hereto ten reports reflecting the results of investigation in these cases. As these investigations progress additional reports will be forwarded to you.

With best wishes and kind regards

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JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH	Special Inquiry - Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH attended public school at Willey's Corners, Ontario, and high school at Dutton, Ontario. Also the Ontario Agriculture College, Guelph, Ontario from 1926 to May 1931, when he was graduated. Applicant was an exceptionally brilliant student. His family was highly regarded, his father being a prominent farmer.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] Washington, D. C. dated 11/26/40. b6 b7C

DETAILS:

In response to reference report a request dated December 24, 1940 was directed to [redacted] to verify the attendance of the applicant at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, Ontario from 1926 to 1931 and further that other discreet investigation concerning credit and police records be made. b6 b7C b7D

On January 13, 1941 a letter was received from [redacted] reporting the results of the following investigation:

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"It has been established that GALBRAITH attended public school at Willey's Corners, Ontario, and later high school at Dutton, Ontario. [redacted] the Ontario Agriculture College, Guelph, when interviewed, advised that he attended the college from 1926 to May 1931, when he graduated. [redacted] went on to say GALBRAITH was an exceptionally brilliant student, and his career since graduation has been followed with much interest by the faculty. b6 b7C

[redacted] was also well acquainted with GALBRAITH'S father and spoke most highly of him and also the family. His mother died in 1924. His father was township and county auditor in addition to being a prominent farmer and was highly respected. On January 18, 1938 he was killed in an accident near St. Thomas, Ontario."

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH	SPECIAL INQUIRY - ADVISORY COMMISSION TO COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] conducted investigation b7D and advised GALBRAITH attended Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ontario, from 1926 to 1931 when he graduated. [redacted] advise GALBRAITH recommended highly by college president; further advise public and high school records show him to come of good family and highly respected in community.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] b6 b7C Washington, D. C., 11-26-40.

DETAILS: On January 2, 1941, [redacted] was furnished a letter requesting an investigation into the background, reputation and activities of JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH. b6 b7C b7D

Accordingly, on January 4 and January 8, 1941, the following two letters were received from [redacted]

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"In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, your file number 77-302, I am having inquiries made at Dutton and St. Thomas as desired by you.

"I have previously investigated Mr. Galbraith in regard to his attendance at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. It was found that he attended this college from 1926 to 1931, when he graduated. He then went to the United States and attended several other colleges. He was regarded as being an exceptionally brilliant student. The president of the college spoke very highly of the family, his father having been a well-known farmer.

"As soon as I receive information regarding Dutton and St. Thomas, I will let you know."

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"With further reference to your letter of the 2nd inst. (your file number 77-302), I have now received a report dealing with GALBRAITH's attendance at Public and High Schools prior to his admission to the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. The report shows that he comes of a good family, and that he was very well respected."

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United States Department of Justice

Newark, New Jersey

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January 21, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH
Special Inquiry - The Advisory
Commission to the Council of
National Defense.

Dear Sir:

Attention is directed to Bureau letter dated January 4, 1941 desiring advise as to the exact status of this case at the present time.

You are advised that this case is presently being handled and a report will be submitted from this office in the near future.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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January 25, 1941

Special Agent in Charge

Newark, New Jersey

RE:
JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH
Special Inquiry - The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires that it be advised as to the exact status of this case at the present time.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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January 25, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

RE: JOHN K[redacted] GALBRAITH
Special [redacted] - The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires that it be advised as to the exact status of this case at the present time.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Post Office Box #2118
Detroit, Michigan
January 2, 1941

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Dear [redacted]

This Bureau is presently conducting an investigation into the background and reputation of one John Kenneth Galbraith who is desirous of securing a position in the national defense of the United States. In national defense matters it is the present custom to thoroughly investigate individuals applying for positions so that it may be determined whether or not they are loyal, patriotic citizens who have no subversive tendencies.

In this connection it would be deeply appreciated if your organization would cooperate with us in the case of the above named individual whose background includes an education in Canada. If at all possible we would appreciate your conducting an investigation at the Dutton High School and St. Thomas Collegiate Institute in Ontario, Canada, to verify the attendance of Galbraith at these institutions from September 1920 through June 1926.

It would be of great value if your officers could determine the opinion of the school authorities in connection with Galbraith and to ascertain his grades, general reputation among his fellow students, activities in which he participated, and any tendencies which he might have displayed while in school which would indicate his loyalty and dependability. Inasmuch as Galbraith, of course, lived in the vicinity of these institutions, it would be further appreciated if your officers could conduct a neighborhood investigation in the neighborhood where he resided and also determine his credit and criminal records at these places.

Please be assured that your cooperation in this matter will be deeply appreciated, and I want you to feel free to call upon me in matters of mutual interest. Please refer to our file 77-302 when communicating in regard to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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cc - Bureau
Washington Field

John S. Bugas
Special Agent in Charge

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2344
Boston, Massachusetts

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH
SPECIAL INQUIRY - Advisory
Commission to the Council of
National Defense

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter of January 4, 1941 (62-60515), this case was referred upon completion to the office of origin with the report of Special Agent [redacted] Boston, Mass., January 9, 1941. b6 b7C

Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

[redacted]
The Advisory Commission to the
Council of National Defense
b6 Federal Reserve Building
b7C Washington, D. C.

Re: JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH
Spec. Inqy. - A.C.C.N.D.

My dear [redacted]

With reference to those requests being made by your office for investigations of applicants, employees and one dollar a year men with The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, I wish to advise this Bureau is no longer authorized to conduct these investigations, this being in accordance with a recent ruling of The Honorable, The Attorney General of the United States.

In view of this all such investigations previously requested by your office have been discontinued and no further action is contemplated by this Bureau. There will, therefore, be no additional reports furnished you in these cases.

For your record purposes, there is being attached hereto a memorandum setting forth the names of those individuals relative to whom you have from time to time requested investigations, but in which cases no action has yet been taken by this Bureau.

With respect to all other names submitted by you, one or more reports have previously been furnished your office. However, as aforestated, no additional reports will be forthcoming in the future.

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With respect to those requests previously received in the Bureau, each of the names submitted by you, with the exception of those names appearing on the attached list, has previously been searched against the records in this Bureau and you have been advised concerning the results of this search. As regards the names appearing on the attached list, these too will be searched against the records in this Bureau to determine whether there are any prior records or reports on individuals of the same names contained therein. In those instances where such records are located, you will be furnished, within the immediate future, with the information reflected therein in the individual cases.

There are being returned herewith your most recent requests received in the Bureau, these being your letter of January 17th, last, concerning [redacted] and [redacted] and your letter of January 31st, last, concerning [redacted] and [redacted] There are also being returned your enclosures attached to these communications. For your information, each of the names contained in these letters has been searched against the records in this Bureau without locating a record therein on any of these individuals.

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Please be assured of my desire to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest within the scope of the authority vested in this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT WASHINGTON, D. C. 35 days

FILE NO. 77-168 HMS

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Newark, New Jersey	3/3/41	1/27/41	[redacted] b6 b7C

TITLE JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH

CHARACTER OF CASE
Special Inquiry - Advisory Commission of the Council of National Defense

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH employed at Princeton University from September 1939 through May 1940 as Assistant Professor of Economics in charge of Public Works Study at a salary of $3,750 per annum.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] 11/26/40, Washington, D. C. b6 b7C

DETAILS: [redacted] stated that JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH has been appointed a member of the Princeton University Faculty effective from September 1939 through May 1942, a three-year appointment. [redacted] stated that he did not know GALBRAITH personally and had never heard of any radical tendencies nor any foreign affiliations. [redacted] records show the following publications by GALBRAITH during his tenure at Princeton University: pages 24-34 in Harvard Business Review of Autumn, 1939 issue; pages 871-880 in Journal of Farm Economics, November 1939 issue; The Savings Banker, October 1939 (Paper before the annual meeting of Massachusetts Savings Banks Associations); The Structure of the American Economy by Gardine C. Means and associates, published in Journal of Farm Economics Volume XXII (1940) pages 500-503.

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[redacted] Princeton University, stated that GALBRAITH was quite an ambitious man and very liberal in his views. [redacted] did not know of any radical tendencies nor any foreign affiliations of GALBRAITH and GALBRAITH'S loyalty, Americanism, and integrity were unquestioned. b6 b7C

Chief of Police MAHAN of the Princeton Police Department had no police record of Galbraith. The Trenton Credit Association had no record of GALBRAITH.

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San Francisco, Calif.	3/12/41	1/4,6/41	[redacted] mfd b6 b7C

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH.	SPECIAL INQUIRY - ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Neighborhood investigation at Davis, California satisfactory. No credit or criminal record.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] San Francisco, California dated 12/29/40.

DETAILS: AT DAVIS, CALIFORNIA:

It was ascertained from [redacted] of the University of California, College of Agriculture at Davis that South Hall, in which GALBRAITH lived during the school year of 1933-34 is a college dormitory building. b6 b7C

[redacted] told Agent that she recalled GALBRAITH quite well and described him as being rather quiet. He had always appeared to her to be pleasant and she thought he was quite clever. She stated positively that he had never been involved in any difficulties of any sort while at the college, and that he was an estimable young man in every respect.

[redacted] stated that she had lived in South Hall at the time GALBRAITH lived there and she had held the same position then she holds at present. From her records she advised that most of the people who had lived in that hall when GALBRAITH did had left Davis, but that [redacted] and [redacted] had all been contemporaries of his and were presently employed at the college, as was

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one [redacted] for the college, who had also lived in South Hall at the time.

[redacted] recalled GALBRAITH as a pleasant young man, who did not appear to mix much with the other students and those living in the Hall. So far as she knew he was never very friendly with any of the students. He behaved extremely well, and rarely even stayed out late. She was sure that he had never been intoxicated or had any difficulties with others while a resident. He appeared to be well liked, and she felt that he could be recommended. His social and political views were apparently normal and he was loyal to the United States.

[redacted] Department of Viticulture, was contacted at his office [redacted] He told Agent that [redacted] and he had found him to be a fine man in every way. He was a sound American and had no radical views, being "reactionary" if anything. [redacted] felt that GALBRAITH was entirely desirable from every angle.

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[redacted] Comptroller's Office, Administration Building, recalled GALBRAITH only vaguely, and stated he could not offer any information about him, except that so far as he knew he had never been in any difficulties, nor been a radical.

[redacted] was not located. It was found upon inquiry at the home of [redacted] that he was presently in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In view of the favorable reports received and the short period of GALBRAITH'S stay at Davis, no further attempt will be made to interview either of these persons unless contrary instructions are received from the office of origin.

CRIMINAL RECORD -

Officer [redacted] of the Davis Police Department was telephonically contacted and he advised that the department had no record of any arrest for GALBRAITH, after searching the files.

CREDIT RECORD -

Credit data for Davis is reported by the Retailers Credit Associations of Sacramento, and Woodland, California. [redacted] advised

that he had no record on GALBRAITH. [redacted] advised that her only record of GALBRAITH was a newspaper clipping stating that he had been appointed an Economics instructor at Harvard University.

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October 11, 1956

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I understand that for some time it has been the custom to assign Secret Service men to protect the person of both the principal Presidential candidates in presidential election years.

I believe that this procedure should be broadened so as to protect not only the bodies of the candidates, but their minds as well.

Since Mr. Herbert Hoover left the White House in 1932, it has become more and more the custom for Presidents and presidential candidates to use what are now known as "Ghost Writers". Obviously, if a president has not the wish, nor the ability, to put his thoughts into his own words, the "ghost writer" becomes someone of enormous power in the formation of the policies, as well as the words, of his "front". It is of the utmost importance to the nation that the "ghosts" be "above reproach" like Caesar's wife when it comes to service to and love of our Republic.

I had all this in mind when, on September 24th, I read an article in the New York Times which gave a purported list of "ghost writers" for the two major presidential candidates. These are listed as follows:

For Mr. Stevenson: John Hersey, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., John Kenneth Galbraith.

For Mr. Eisenhower: Emmett J. Hughes, Arthur Larson, Kevin McCann, Gabriel Hauge, Robert Cutler.

Some of the names made an impression on me, so I went back to my files on communism and communist affiliations -- a fairly extensive one, though, of course, not to be compared to what is available to the F.B.I. -- and made the rather horrifying discovery

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that the ghost writers of Mr. Stevenson have a list of affiliations that sends chills down the spine of any American with a knowledge of the left wing conspiracy to take over our Republic.

So far as my files are concerned, the ghost writers of President Eisenhower had no record of affiliations with any subversive groups. This, I hasten to say, has nothing to do with the fact as to whether I approve, or disapprove of Mr. Eisenhower's policies as enunciated by those whom the New York Times designates as his "ghosts".

To give you a quick summary of Mr. Stevenson's ghosts, let me point out (although, of course, you know better than I the records of his "ghosts") the following:

John Hersey: Was one of the trustees of the Institute of Pacific Relations which was characterized by the Senate Judiciary Committee as a vehicle for Kremlin policies and as a means through which espionage was expedited.

Hersey was in contact with and consulted with Soviet agents, one of whom is now a high official of Red China.

Hersey supported the convicted reds in Hollywood who were jailed for refusing to testify before a government body and generally aided those who were busy infiltrating the movie industry for the Communist Party.

Hersey participated in a closed meeting of an agency of the Soviet government in Moscow which was devoted exclusively to the job of discussing Hersey's contribution to "literature". This Soviet agency is one which is

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charged with distribution of literature throughout the world for the Kremlin and has been charged with being one of the chief espionage machines for the Soviets. As of course you know, such employment requires that such a person must be cleared by the Soviet N.K.V.D.

Hersey's name figured prominently in testimony about the stolen documents which were taken out of government files to be photoed by the Soviet agents in the AMERASIA magazine offices in 1945. His name was on the copies referring to "A" bombs (this was before the atomic bombing of Japan) and other vital data on our war effort. (See attached documentation for the above facts.)

John Kenneth Galbraith was forced to resign as Deputy OPA Administrator in 1943 after being accused before a Congressional Committee of being "a radical theorist".

Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. (following in his father's footsteps) is well known for his socialistic views and has an extensive left-wing background.

Although I have neither the time nor the facilities to make a thorough examination of all these men, I have, however, made a fairly extensive check-up of Mr. Hersey's public record. I enclose herewith a documented report that will, I believe, make any American who reads it leave Mr. Hersey strictly out of policy-making involving the welfare of our Republic. This is perhaps why, to persons like me, Mr. Stevenson's speeches emphasizing class divisions, recommending the banning of the American experiments on the Atom Bomb, and other such statements, sound as though they had been lifted bodily out of the Daily Worker.

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Mr. Stevenson, by his own actions, as illustrated by his being a character witness (by deposition) in court for Alger Hiss, is, at best, very naive about the communist menace in the United States. As a potential President of our Republic, it is vital for all of us -- Democrat or Republican -- that he be advised on this matter to the same extent as is the President.

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For this reason, Mr. Hoover, I beg that you obtain from Mr. Stevenson a list of his "ghosts" and make available to him the same facilities for such studies as are available to the present incumbent of the White House.

If this requires an executive order, I would be glad -- and would feel it my duty -- to request the President to give his principal opponent the necessary information.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a communication I have received from [redacted] who suggests that steps be taken to make available to Mr. Adlai Stevenson any information pertaining to the background of his alleged "ghost writers" who [redacted] indicates are John Mersey, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., and John Kenneth Galbraith.

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I have acknowledged [redacted] letter, pointing out that this was not a matter within the purview of our responsibility, and I have advised him that I am calling his letter to your attention.

Enclosure

cc - Mr. William P. Rogers (with copy of enclosure)
Deputy Attorney General

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CAPITOL STUFF

By JOHN O'DONNELL

Washington, Oct. 17.—As a neat touch of French w we submit the observation our new French Ambassad Herve Alphand made to the members of the National Pr Club today, after he had been tossed to the hungry ne wolves who wanted answers to the Suez and North Afric problems.

Club President Frank Holeman of THE NEWS had sketched early career of the diplomat. The ambassador added this contri tion

When Alphand started his career as a very junior member in the French Foreign Office, he consulted a distinguished senior for advice and received the in-

"Young man, to be merely competent is not sufficient to assure your success as a diplomat. You must be polite."

Scotland Yard couldn't improve on that. Alphand reminisces another French wise man who told him he was beginning a career of "constant duty attending receptions and parties. We asked a wise and venerable diplomat how he was able to stand up under the ordeal of the social whirl.

He replied:

"My young friend, obey my three simple rules and you will be the envy of your colleagues. Arrive first at every function and you will be the last to bore of them until you have reached my years. Never miss an opportunity to eat. Never miss an opportunity to use the ladies room."

Ambassador Alphand
He got expert advice

Chief of FBI J. Edgar Hoover, who knows more about Communist efforts to overthrow this government than any living American, has a somewhat tongue-in-cheek communication from Col. Archibald B. Roosevelt, son of President Theodore Roosevelt.

Ghost Writers Seen Haunting Adlai's Head

Col. Roosevelt, noting that it has been modern procedure for the FBI and the Secret Service to give general protection in every Presidential campaign year to the White House candidates of both major parties, makes the suggestion:

"I believe that this procedure should be broadened so as to protect not only the bodies of the candidates but their minds as well."

The mind which Col. Archibald Roosevelt thinks FBI Chief Hoover should protect at this time from Communist pressure is that of Democratic candidate Adlai Stevenson. And candidate Stevenson, Roosevelt believes, stands in immediate peril from his ghost writers — in particular novelist-playright John Hersey, Harvard Prof. Arthur Schlesinger Jr. and former New Deal Deputy OPA Administrator John Kenneth Galbraith.

The letter to Hoover observed:

"Since Mr. Herbert Hoover left the White House in 1932, it has become more and more the custom for Presidents and Presidential candidates to use what are now known as 'ghost writers'. Obviously, if a President has not the wish, nor the ability, to put his thoughts into his own words, the 'ghost writer' becomes someone of enormous power in the formation of the policies, as well as the words, of his 'front'.

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Involvement in Stolen Secrets Charges

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